Revenue Secretary.—

It is not possible to say on what lands exactly the cess is levied.

Mr. S. Srikantiah.—

May I know whether the wet assessment was reduced to that extent when the irrigation cess was levied?

Revenue Secretary.—

No. It is because resettlement question will be taken up only once in 30 years, and assessment cannot be reduced during the period.

BY MESSRS. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, J. SHAMA JOIS and HONNIAH HEGGADE (Koppa Taluk); B. N. SUBBA RAO (Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—15. (*a*) Is the Government aware of Sathyagraha movement of the Kaniyars for securing entry into the temple of Sri Gunja Narasimhaswami in T.-Narsipur?

(*b*) Is Government in touch with the progress of the movement and if so, at what stage is the movement now?

(*c*) Is it a fact that local authorities are hostile to the movement and exercise undue interference with the rights of the people?

(*d*) Will the Government please issue instructions to the local authorities to abstain from such interference?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—15. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Some 80 Kaniyars (who were stopping in the village of Nilsoge) came to T.-Narsipur on the 16th May 1926, and after taking *Mangalarathi* and *Prasada* at the usual place outside the temple, returned to the village Nilsoge doing Bhajana.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) *Vide* answer to (*c*) above.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

Have Government received any information about the Police tyranny? Was the flag conveyed by the Kaniyars torn by them?

Second Member of Council.—

No information.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

Are they aware that one Police Constable No. 172 treated the Kaniyars very badly and ill-treated them ?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

Will Government institute necessary inquiries into these allegations ?

Second Member of Council.—

Government have received two or three reports on the subject. But they contain no information on the allegations made by the member. There does not seem to be any need for a fresh inquiry. No complaints have been received.

Mr. Linge Gowda.—

In connection with this Satyagraha movement, are Government aware of a meeting presided over by Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya ?

Second Member of Council.—

This is not a supplementary question.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

What is meant by the term 'usual place' referred to in the answer to question 15 (*b*)?

Second Member of Council.—

The place from which the Kaniyars usually offer their prayers and take *Mangalarathi* and *Prasada.*

Mr. B. L. Byanna —

Is it a fact that the local people teased them in many ways ? Will Government prevent a recurrence of such undue interference with the rights of the Kaniyars ?

Dewan.—

Government have not received any complaint from the Kaniyars ?

Mr. N. G. Sanjiviah.—

Have not the Kaniyars along with Mr. Ramachandra Rao complained to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, that the Amildar and the local people had ill-treated them ?

Second Member of Council.—

No report has been received to that effect.

Mr. N. G. Sanjiviah —

Was not this incident reported in the local papers ?

Second Member of Council.—

Government cannot furnish information on all the allegations made in the newspapers. Government are not in possession of any authentic information except that the Kaniyars, after taking *Mangalarathi* and *Prasada* at the usual place outside the temple returned to their village after doing Bhajana. No action on the part of Government is called for in this matter.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Is the Gunja Narasimhaswami temple a Government institution?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes, it is a Muzrai institution.

Mr. Malliah.—

Are not the Kaniyars entitled to enter the temple ?

Second Member of Council.—

It depends on usage. Government cannot make radical changes in such matters. They have to respect the sentiments of the local people.

Mr. S. C Malliah.—

Will the Government issue instructions to the authorities concerned to abstain from any interference with the rights and privileges of the Kaniyars ?

Second Member of Council —

There is no question of any interference except that they are required to worship God from outside according to the long existing practice.

BY MESSRS. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, J. SHAMA JOIS and HONNIAH HEGGADE (Koppa Taluk); B. N. SUBBA RAO (Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk).—

Q—16. Will the Government be pleased to state what effective steps have been taken or are intended to be taken by Government in the direction of introducing hand-spinning in schools, in pursuance of the resolutions discussed in this Assembly ? (Birthday Session, 1925, and October Session, 1925.)

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—16. Orders have been issued for the introduction of the scheme of cotton spinning as a subject of practical instruction in ten rural Middle Schools, one at least in each district, with effect from 1st June 1926.

BY MESSRS. S. HONNAPPIAH and RAMAPPAGOWDA (Chickmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to give information on the following:—

(*a*) (i) Number of motor buses running for hire in the State; and

(ii) the buses registered and re-registered during each of the years 1924-25 and 1925-26;

(iii) the registration and re-registration fees recovered in each of these years and their distribution to—

(1) Provincial Funds, (2) District Funds.

(*b*) How the mileage so assigned to each of these funds is being expended?

(*c*) What is the length of the road maintained by each District Board ?

(*d*) Are the District Boards spending this extra income on the improvement of such of the District Fund roads upon which buses are permitted to ply for hire?

(*e*) The length of each of the District Fund roads